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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/757646</b>
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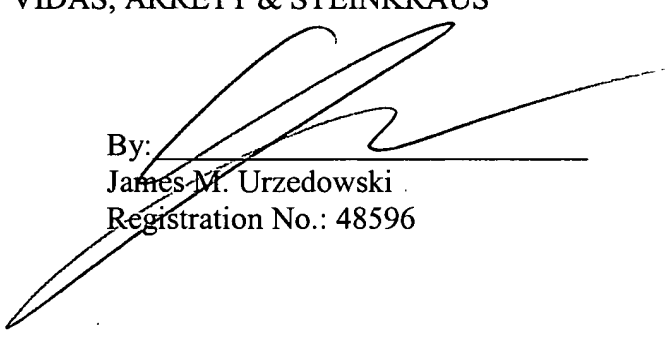
1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:  
**4 page Information Disclosure Statement; 8 pages of references; 12 references; and Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:
  - ☒ No additional fee is required.
  - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Respectfully submitted,

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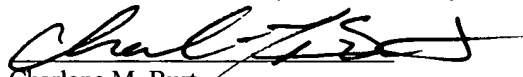
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is prior art, or is or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying form listing the cited references as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the form listing the cited references and/or 892 forms from these cases.

☒ I. This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed (check all that apply):

- ☒ (1) within 3 months of the filing date of the application (other than a CPA); or
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- ☒ (3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits;
- ☐ (4) before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114;
- ☐ (5) as part of a continued prosecution application (CPA); or
- ☐ (6) during the period of a suspension of action for a CPA under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(b).

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- ☐ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
- ☐ (2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ **III. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).** If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before payment of the issue fee, then:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; and  
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  **X**   **IV. Fee Authorization.** If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and full payment has not been submitted herewith, regardless of which boxes have been checked above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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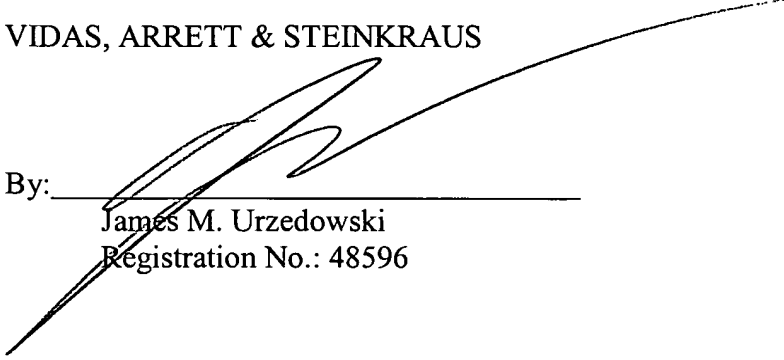
*For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.*

If this Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted without the appropriate box checked, Applicant requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered nevertheless if it is timely submitted under any of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 or otherwise. Finally, if any petition is necessary to ensure consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant requests that this be treated as such a petition.

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	AC	2002/0019665 A1	02/14/2002	Dehdashtian et al.	623/1.35	
	AD	2002/0022874 A1	02/21/2002	Wilson	623/1.11	
	AE	2002/0038140 A1	03/28/2002	Yang et al	623/1.12	
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	AK	2003/0055484 A1	03/20/2003	Lau et al	623/1.13	
	AL	2003/0195546 A1	10/16/2003	Solar et al	606/192	
	AM	4,448,195	05/15/1984	Leveen et al.	128/344	
	AN	4,484,585	11/27/1984	Baier	128/748	
	AO	4,601,701	07/22/1986	Mueller Jr.	604/83	
	AP	4,769,005	09/06/1988	Ginsburg et al.	604/53	
	AQ	4,776,337	10/11/1988	Palmaz	128/343	
	AR	4,913,141	04/03/1990	Hillstead	606/108	
	AS	4,994,071	02/19/1991	MacGregor	606/194	
	AT	4,998,923	03/12/1991	Samson et al.	606/194	
	AU	5,019,085	05/28/1991	Hillstead	606/108	
	AV	5,122,154	06/16/1992	Rhodes	606/198	
	AW	5,195,984	93/23/1993	Schatz	606/195	
	AX	5,219,355	06/15/1993	Parodi et al.	606/191	
	AY	5,316,023	05/31/1994	Palmaz et al.	128/898	
	AZ	5,397,305	03/14/1995	Kawula et al.	604/96	
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	AB	5,477,856	12/26/1995	Lundquist		
	AC	5,632,763	05/27/1997	Glastra		
	AD	5,643,278	07/01/1997	Wijay		
	AE	5,683,345	11/04/1997	Waksman et al.		
	AF	5,697,971	12/16/1997	Fischell et al.		
	AG	5,725,519	03/10/1998	Penner et al.		
	AH	5,749,825	05/12/1998	Fischell et al.		
	AI	5,755,734	05/26/1998	Richter et al.		
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	AM	5,797,952	08/25/1998	Klein		
	AN	5,873,906	02/23/1999	Lau et al.		
	AO	5,876,374	03/02/1999	Alba et al.		
	AP	5,893,868	04/13/1999	Hanson et al		
	AQ	5,906,640	05/25/1999	Penn et al.		
	AR	5,908,405	06/01/1999	Imran et al.		
	AS	5,921,995	07/13/1999	Kleshinski		
	AT	5,935,161	08/10/1999	Robinson et al.		
	AU	5,941,908	08/24/1999	Glodsteen et al.		
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	AX	5,961,546	10/05/1999	Robinson et al.		
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	AF	6,056,775	05/02/2000	Borghi et al.	623/1.16	
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	AJ	6,090,127	07/18/2000	Globerman	606/194	
	AK	6,096,073	08/01/2000	Webster et al.	623/1.16	
	AL	6,110,191	08/29/2000	Dehdashtian et al.	606/192	
	AM	6,117,156	09/12/2000	Richter et al.	606/194	
	AN	6,120,522	09/19/2000	Vrba et al.	606/190	
	AO	6,132,450	10/17/2000	Hanson et al.	606/198	
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	AW	6,190,393	02/20/2001	Bevier et al.	606/108	
	AX	6,210,380	04/03/2001	Mauch	604/284	
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	AZ	6,221,090	04/24/2001	Wilson	606/194	
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	AC	6,238,410	05/29/2001	Vrba et al.	606/198	
	AD	6,246,914	06/12/2001	De la Rama et al.	607/122	
	AE	6,254,593	07/03/2001	Wilson	606/1.11	
	AF	6,258,052	07/10/2001	Milo	604/22	
	AG	6,258,073	07/10/2001	Mauch	604/284	
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	AI	6,287,277	09/11/2001	Yan	604/96.01	
	AJ	6,287,330	09/11/2001	Johansson et al.	623/1.13	
	AK	6,290,673	09/18/2001	Shanley	604/102.02	
	AL	6,299,636	10/09/2001	Schmitt et al.	623/1.2	
	AM	6,319,275	11/20/2001	Lashinski et al.	623/1.11	
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	AE	6,508,835	01/21/2003	Shaolian et al.	623/1.35	
	AF	6,514,281	02/04/2003	Blaeser et al.	623/1.12	
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	AN	6,589,262	07/08/2003	Honebrink et al.	606/191	
	AO	6,599,315	07/29/2003	Wilson	623/1.11	
	AP	6,602,226	08/05/2003	Smith et al.	604/103.05	
	AQ	6,607,506	08/19/2003	Kletschka	604/96.01	
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